

Ranger Led Hikes and Campground Programs



Roving Ranger Programs are presented to you by a partnership team comprised of both National Park Service and Forest Service rangers and volunteers. The Roving Rangers provide free ranger programs that are a fun and entertaining way to learn about and experience the great outdoors with family, friends and your neighborly park ranger!
Come exploring with us today!





Ranger Walks & Talks Event Calendar

June 3-5, 2016

NPS/USFS Roving Rangers



Friday June 3rd

- **Guided Nature Walk at Walnut Canyon National Monument, Friday, June 3**
2:00pm-2:45pm. **The Incredible Edibles.** The Sinagua were farmers, yet also had a rich knowledge of the native wild plants and their uses. Attend this 1/3 mile stroll along the rim of Walnut Canyon to learn about the numerous plants and their use as a food source. Meet at the Walnut Canyon visitor center. Park entrance fees apply.
- **Evening Program at Bonito Campground, Friday, June 3**
8:00-8:45 pm. **Volcanoes of North America.** Come listen in to a tale about the fiery effects of volcanoes in northern Arizona and beyond. Pictures of awe-inspiring eruptions and the stories of one man's traveling adventures will inspire you to embark on your own bold wanderings! Program conducted by volunteer park ranger Eric Zeliff.

Saturday June 4th

- **Guided Nature Walk at Dairy Springs Campground, Saturday, June 4**
3:00-3:45 pm. **Seldom Seen.** Join a ranger for an easy 1/3 mile stroll along the Dairy Springs Loop Trail and uncover the mysterious things that are difficult to see and often overlooked. No dogs please. Meet at the campground amphitheater.
- **Evening Program at Pine Grove Campground, Saturday, June 4**
8:00-8:45 pm. **The Mystery of Bats.** Come join ranger Marilyn Halker to discover the mysteries about the only mammals that are naturally capable of true sustained flight. Bats are vitally important to sustaining healthy environments and are amazing animals! Meet at the campground amphitheater to hear more.

Arizona Snowbowl

- **Friday, June 3 through Sunday, June 5**
10:00 am-4:00 pm. **Ranger Talks with the Roving Rangers atop the Scenic Chairlift Ride.** The grandest view in the Southwest at 11,500 feet elevation. Arizona Snowbowl Chairlift fees apply. For more information call 928-779-1951 or visit: www.arizonasnowbowl.com. Open every day.

These informative programs are presented through a partnership between the National Park Service (Flagstaff Area National Monuments) and the United States Forest Service (Flagstaff Ranger District of the Coconino National Forest).

Cancelled in the event of rain, lightning, fire, snow, or high winds.

2016 Flagstaff National Monument Night Sky Events

Saturday, June 11th - Sunset Crater Volcano Solar & Star Party

- Solar Viewing from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Regular entrance fees apply.
- Astronomy Presentation from 8:00 pm - 8:45 pm. Free.
- Telescope Viewing and Constellation Tours from 8:45 pm - 10:30 pm. Free.

Directions: From Flagstaff take U.S. 89 north for 12 miles (19km), turn right on the Sunset Crater - Wupatki Loop road and continue 2 miles (3km) to the visitor center. Drive time from Flagstaff to Sunset Crater Volcano is 30 minutes. Solar viewing will take place at the Sunset Crater Visitor Center. All other events will take place at the Lava Flow Trail parking lot, located 1.5 miles east of the Sunset Crater Volcano visitor center on the park loop drive (FS 545).

Saturday, July 2nd - Sunset Crater Volcano Solar & Star Party

- Solar Viewing from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. *Regular entrance fees apply.*
- Astronomy Presentation from 8:00 pm - 8:45 pm. *Free.*
- Telescope Viewing and Constellation Tours from 8:45 pm - 10:30 pm. *Free.*

Directions: From Flagstaff take U.S. 89 north for 12 miles (19km), turn right on the Sunset Crater - Wupatki Loop road and continue 2 miles (3km) to the visitor center. Drive time from Flagstaff to Sunset Crater Volcano is 30 minutes. Solar viewing will take place at the Sunset Crater Visitor Center. All other events will take place at the Lava Flow Trail parking lot, located 1.5 miles east of the Sunset Crater Volcano visitor center on the park loop drive (FS 545).

Saturday, August 6th - Sunset Crater Volcano Solar & Star Party

- Solar Viewing from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. *Regular entrance fees apply.*
- Astronomy Presentation from 8:00 pm - 8:45 pm. *Free.*
- Telescope Viewing and Constellation Tours from 8:45 pm - 10:30 pm. *Free.*

Directions: From Flagstaff take U.S. 89 north for 12 miles (19km), turn right on the Sunset Crater - Wupatki Loop road and continue 2 miles (3km) to the visitor center. Drive time from Flagstaff to Sunset Crater Volcano is 30 minutes. Solar viewing will take place at the Sunset Crater Visitor Center. All other events will take place at the Lava Flow Trail parking lot, located 1.5 miles east of the Sunset Crater Volcano visitor center on the park loop drive (FS 545).

Roving Rangers History

The Roving Rangers is a partnership team comprised of both rangers and volunteers from the National Park Service and the Forest Service. It's the mission of this group to provide free ranger programs in and around the Flagstaff area, that provide visitors with fun learning experiences in the out of doors. It is the intent of the Roving Rangers to bring understanding and inspiration to all ages, provoking the citizens of the world to cherish our natural world and act to preserve natural and cultural resources. The Roving Rangers Partnership was created in 1991 by John Nelson, United States Forest Service (USFS) employee, and Kim Watson, National Park Service (NPS) employee. It is now in its 24th season and has delivered a multitude of guided walks and talks for visitors and residents of the Flagstaff area.

Where we work:

During the summer, from Memorial Day Weekend through early September, the Roving Rangers conduct ranger-led programs each weekend at three local campgrounds. The partnership also provides an interpretive ranger at the top of the Arizona Snowbowl Scenic Skyride to answer questions and describe the natural history and panoramic views amid the spectacular San Francisco Peaks. Some of the most loved ranger-led programs include beautiful, exciting guided walks in Flagstaff's three local national monuments and throughout the hidden trails of the Coconino National Forest.

The partnership:

The Partnership is an example of a working public/private relationship. The two private partners are Arizona Snowbowl and Recreation Resource Management (RRM), and the two public partners being the National Park Service and the Forest Service. RRM is contracted by the USFS to run the local Forest Service campgrounds and also to provide quality interpretation at three campgrounds with amphitheaters --- Dairy Springs Campground (west side of Mormon Lake), Pine Grove Campground (about a mile past Upper Lake Mary), and Bonito Campground (adjacent to the entrance of Sunset Crater Volcano NM). The creation of the partnership helps RRM fulfill their program requirements and enables the NPS and USFS to provide visitors with quality experiences.